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Application/Control Number 10/828,716 (our ref. PA-5380-RFB)

Please see attached response.

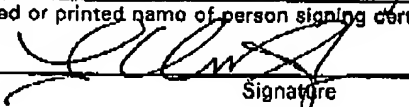
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Serial No.: 10/828,716

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Title: ARTIFICIAL VALVE PROSTHESIS WITH IMPROVED FLOW DYNAMICS

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

In response to the Election/Restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 in the Office Action of February 12, 2007, Applicants elect Species X for examination, which the examiner indicates is embodied by FIGs. 13-16. Applicant regards each of claims 1, 13, and 15-29 as being readable on this particular species.

Although the foregoing discussion is believed to be dispositive of the issues in this case, should any unresolved issues remain after the Examiner's consideration of this response to the Election/Restriction requirement, applicants' representative requests a telephone interview with the Examiner.

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